

# Annual Conference Panel Sessions revealed

The Centre for Brexit Studies Annual Conference ‘B-Day: Making a Success of Brexit?’ returns next month, and we are excited to announce the panel sessions for the event!

There will be three main panel sessions taking place throughout the day, alongside a series of guest speakers and time for refreshments and networking.

## **Brexit: Where do we go from here?** **10.45am – 11.30am**

### **Panellists:**

Vicky Pryce – Greek-born British economist, and former Joint Head of the United Kingdom’s Government Economic Service.

John Mills – British entrepreneur, economist and businessman, best known for founding UK-based consumer products company JML. He is a supporter of Leave Means Leave Eurosceptic campaign.

Les Budd – Reader in Social Enterprise at the Open University Business School and an economist who has published extensively on urban and regional economies in relation to the European Union

John Clancy – Former Leader of Birmingham City Council, the largest local authority in Europe, where he oversaw an annual revenue budget of over £3 billion, and over £6 billion in assets. He has been a Labour councillor since 2002.

Our first panel discussion of the day will be discussing Theresa May’s Withdrawal Agreement and what the next steps are. From the moment May became Prime Minister, we have watched her every move with the Brexit process. There has been controversy, shock twists and a series of votes in Parliament since that has led us to where the process is now. Our panellists will discuss what Brexit could mean for the future of the UK.

## **Brexit and the Automotive industry**

**11.30am – 12.15pm**

### **Panellists:**

Tom Leeson – Industry Marketing Strategist at OpenText. Interests include Innovation, Engineering and Manufacturing.

Ian Henry – Managing Director and owner of AutoAnalysis, with more than 30 years' experience of consulting and analysis in the automotive industry.

David Bailey – Professor of Industrial Strategy at the Aston Business School. He has written extensively on industrial and regional policy, especially in relation to manufacturing and the auto industry.

Beverley Nielsen – Entrepreneur, educator and campaigner who works as executive director at Institute of Design and Economic Acceleration (IDEA) at Birmingham City University.

The impact that Brexit will have on the automotive industry is one of the biggest questions within the Brexit process. In the past few months alone, the likes of Jaguar Land Rover, Nissan and Honda have announced life-changing news in relation to Brexit and there could be more on the way. Our panellists will be discussing the future of the automotive industry in the UK and how Brexit will affect it.

## **Brexit and the Media**

**1.10pm-2.10pm**

### **Panellists:**

John Mair – Former television producer for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4. John is also the editor of 27 books on the media and journalism.

Raymond Snoddy – British news media journalist, television presenter, author and media commentator.

Liz Gerard – Former Night Editor at The Times and Monitor of the Brexit Press.

How has the British press responded to Brexit? And what does leaving the EU mean for the future of news outlets, TV channels, radio stations and more across the UK? Our panellists will discuss key issues around Brexit and the media in this session.

## **Young People and Brexit**

### **2.10pm-3.10pm**

#### **Panellists:**

David 'Sideman' Whitely – 'Sideman' is a social media influencer, comedian, reality TV commentator and radio presenter on BBC Radio 1Xtra.

Dr Elizabeth Norton – Policy Analyst working within the Planning and Performance Department at Birmingham City University, responsible for briefing senior management on the latest policy developments, and for writing institutional responses to government consultations.

Joshua Hockley-Still – Second year PhD student at the University of Exeter. He received his BSc from the LSE, his MA from Yale University, and before starting his PhD, he worked in Westminster as a member of staff for an MP.

Yasmeen Zaman – Psychology & Sociology student at Birmingham City University and Centre for Brexit Studies Intern.

Birmingham City University Students – Several students from Birmingham City University will be joining the panel to discuss topics surrounding Brexit.

Many young people are unsure of how the Brexit process is going to impact them and what they can expect. Having only ever known a Great Britain which is part of the EU, this panel is their opportunity to discuss what they are hopeful for, and fearful of, for the future. The panel will also discuss higher education and the effect that Brexit may have on British universities.

Taking place during 'B-Day' on March 29th, our Annual Conference will bring together a wide variety of voices from across the Brexit landscape.

From Brexiteers to firm Remainers, the conference will look into what we could expect after Brexit thanks to a whole host of guest speakers, panel debates and insightful talks. The event will also offer brilliant networking opportunities with academics and business professionals throughout the day and the chance to get involved, as well as the opportunity to find out more about the Centre for Brexit Studies and our research.

To attend this event, you must be registered via the Eventbrite page. Payment on the door will not be accepted. Find out more here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/centre-for-brexit-studies-annual-conference-2019-b-day-making-a-success-of-brexit-tickets-56168956862>

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